IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A lens cleaner for an optical disc device, comprising:

a cleaning member that is provided on a disc to make contact with [[the]] an object lens of an optical disc device, in which said disc is not caused to rotate until a focusing operation has been successfully achieved, in order to clean the object lens,

wherein an operating member for operating the disc from the outside of the device is installed on said disc; and

~~there is no recording face that can be the subject of focusing by said object lens, or no signal that can be the subject of focusing by said object lens is recorded, on the face of said disc facing the object lens.~~

a focus preventing face is provided on the face of said disc facing the object lens, which prevents focusing by preventing an appropriate reflection of the laser light for performing focusing when the power supply of the optical disc device is on, the focus preventing face is a face on which no signal capable of being a subject of focusing by said object lens is recorded, or a face which does not have any recording layer at all on which a signal could be recorded.

2. (Original) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 1,

wherein water containing few or little impurities is contained in said cleaning member.

3. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 1 wherein said cleaning member is disposed on both faces of said disc.

4. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 1 wherein said operating member is constituted by a flexible member.

5. (Previously Presented) A lens cleaning method for an optical disc device for cleaning the object lens of an optical disc device by using a lens cleaner selected from the lens cleaners according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

inserting said disc into the optical disc device in such a manner that said operating member is led out of the device;

causing said object lens to move in a direction for making contact with said disc and to attempt to focus on the disc;

halting a playback operation of said disc by said optical disc device, as a result of said object lens having failed to focus;

performing cleaning of said object lens by means of said cleaning member, by causing the disc to move by operating said operating member; and

ejecting said disc to the outside of the optical disc device.

6. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 2, wherein said cleaning member is disposed on both faces of said disc.

7. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 2, wherein said operating member is constituted by a flexible member.

8. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner for an optical disc device according to claim 3, wherein said operating member is constituted by a flexible member.

9. (Previously Presented) A lens cleaning method for an optical disc device for cleaning the object lens of an optical disc device by using a lens cleaner selected from the lens cleaners according to claim 2, comprising the steps of:

inserting said disc into the optical disc device in such a manner that said operating member is led out of the device;

causing said object lens to move in a direction for making contact with said disc and to attempt to focus on the disc;

halting a playback operation of said disc by said optical disc device, as a result of said object lens having failed to focus;

performing cleaning of said object lens by means of said cleaning member, by causing the disc to move by operating said operating member; and

ejecting said disc to the outside of the optical disc device.

10. (Previously Presented) A lens cleaning method for an optical disc device for cleaning the object lens of an optical disc device by using a lens cleaner selected from the lens cleaners according to claim 3, comprising the steps of:

inserting said disc into the optical disc device in such a manner that said operating member is led out of the device;

causing said object lens to move in a direction for making contact with said disc and to attempt to focus on the disc;

halting a playback operation of said disc by said optical disc device, as a result of said object lens having failed to focus;

performing cleaning of said object lens by means of said cleaning member, by causing the disc to move by operating said operating member; and

ejecting said disc to the outside of the optical disc device.

11. (Previously Presented) A lens cleaning method for an optical disc device for cleaning the object lens of an optical disc device by using a lens cleaner selected from the lens cleaners according to claim 4, comprising the steps of:

inserting said disc into the optical disc device in such a manner that said operating member is led out of the device;

causing said object lens to move in a direction for making contact with said disc and to attempt to focus on the disc;

halting a playback operation of said disc by said optical disc device, as a result of said object lens having failed to focus;

performing cleaning of said object lens by means of said cleaning member, by causing the disc to move by operating said operating member; and

ejecting said disc to the outside of the optical disc device.

12. (Currently Amended) A manual lens cleaner for an optical disc device, comprising:

a substrate of a size and configuration of an optical disc, operable in the optical disc device, having a non-focusing surface that prevents focusing by the optical disc device to intentionally provide an error signal during an initial focusing operation by an optical pick-up unit in the optical disc device whereby the optical disc device will suspend further operation and will not rotate the substrate;

a cleaning member provided on [[a]] the non-focusing surface of the substrate of a configuration for insertion into an optical disc player and contact with a lens on the optical pick-up unit ; and

a relatively flexible operating member extending from the substrate of a configuration to have an operator portion to be positioned external of the optical disc player and having sufficient rigidity to enable an operator to move the cleaning member relative to [[a]] the lens in the optical disc player to clean the lens.

13. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner of claim 12 wherein the cleaning member has a surface that prevents focusing of the lens.

14. (Previously Presented) The lens cleaner of claim 12 wherein a second cleaning member is provided on an opposite side of the substrate.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning an optical disc ~~device~~ player comprising the steps of:

providing a disc substrate with a cleaning member on ~~one~~ a non-focusing surface and a flexible operating member extending from the disc substrate;

powering the optical disc player to an operation state;

inserting the disc substrate [[in]] into [[an]] the optical disc ~~device~~ player to position the cleaning member adjacent a lens to be cleaned while maintaining the flexible operating member to have an operator portion external of the optical disc ~~device,~~ player, the operator portion having sufficient rigidity to enable an operator to move the cleaning member relative to the lens when installed in the optical disc device; ~~and~~

causing an error signal to occur in the operation state of the optical disc player when it attempts to focus on the non-focusing surface whereby the lens is held in a stationary position above the disc substrate; and

manually moving the cleaning member relative to the lens by exerting a force through the operator portion to clean the lens.